

Telangana, the Pride of the People

Introduction: How many states are there in our country? 29 right! And to which state do we belong to? Telangana . What is the capital city of our state? Hyderabad.

Do you know that prior to 2014, we had a combined state called Andhra Pradesh. But the people of Telangana region wanted a separate state. The Telangana movement started way back in 1969. Telugu people fought for separate Telangana and many lost their lives also but they continued their fight till they achieved it.

Telangana was part of Hyderabad state which was merged into Indian Union in 1948. In 1953, Andhra was carved out from Madras state on linguistic basis. (based on language) Eventually, Telugu speaking areas of Telangana were merged with Andhra state and the state of Andhra Pradesh came into existence on 1st November 1956, under the States

Reorganization Act, with Hyderabad as its capital. The Andhra Pradesh Assembly had passed a Resolution to safeguard the interests of Telangana people. But in 1969, Telangana Agitation began under the leadership of late Marri Chenna Reddy, who launched Telangana Rashtra Samithi for a separate state, as the govt. had failed to implement the agreement to safeguard the property of Telangana.

Unfortunately, the agitation turned violent and 300 students were killed. In 1972, Jai Andhra Movement started as a counter to Telangana Agitation.

In 1963, a settlement was reached with a 6-point formula from the central govt to satisfy people of both Andhra and Telangana regions. In 1985, the then CM, Late NT Rama Rao brought a GO to create employment opportunities for the people of Telangana region as they were not happy with the employment opportunities which favored the people of Andhra region only.

Till 1999, no demand for a separate state was made but the congress party which had been repeatedly facing defeats both at the central and

state level, demanded Telangana state. In 2001, KCR launched Telangana Rashtra Samithi and fought for Telangana till we achieved . There were many protests and agitations. Many students lost their lives too but they didn't give up. Finally on December 9th 2013, Mrs Sonia Gandhi, then the president of the congress working committee promised to declare Telangana as a separate state. With the approval of both the houses and the erstwhile AP state Assembly, finally Telangana came into existence as the 29th state of India on 02.06.2014.